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SUBJECT: MUSHTAQUE CHARGED WITH TWO MORE OFFENSES

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1. TWO MORE CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT KHONDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD. IN ONE CASE, HE IS ALLEGED WHILE COMMERCE MINISTER TO HAVE ILLEGALLY ISSUED IMPORT LICENSES WORTH TAKA 5,432,584 TO COMMERCIAL IMPORTERS WHEN THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR DOING SUCH IN THE IMPORT POLICY. IN THE SECOND CASE, IT IS ALLEGED THAT WHILE HE WAS PRESIDENT, HE ILLEGALLY RECEIVED REFUNDS FOR THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF DEMONETISED NOTES WORTH TAKA 68,000. THE FUNDS HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN DEPOSITED EARLIER IN A DACCA BANK IN AN ACCOUNT OWNED BY MUSHTAQUE BUT REGISTERED UNDER A FALSE NAME.

2. COMMENT: THE NEW CHARGES HAVE ONLY NOW BEEN REPORTED, ALTHOUGH MUSHTAQUE'S IN CAMERA TRIAL ON OTHER CORRUPTION CHARGES HAS BEEN PROCEEDING FOR MORE THAN A WEEK. MORE THAN SEVENTY PROSECUTION WITNESSES HAVE BEEN CALLED, BUT
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WE HEAR THAT FEW IF ANY DEFENSE WITNESSES WILL BE CALLED. ON FEBRUARY 19 THE COURT WILL SIT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS FROM THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE. THE PUBLIC CONTINUES TO SEEM INDIFFERENT TO THE TRIAL; PRESS REPORTING IS MINIMAL, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, LIMITED BY THE IN CAMERA NATURE OF THE TRIAL. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT A NEW TRIAL WILL BE HELD IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE NEW CHARGES, EVEN

THOUGH ONE OF THE NEW CHARGES HAS BEEN LODGED AGAINST
MUSHTAQUE FOR THE PERIOD HE WAS ACTUALLY PRESIDENT.
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